

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

According to the Office Action, claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,693,876 issued to Ghitea, Jr. and U.S. Patent 4, 180,860 issued to Driscoll et al. For the following reasons, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The previous arguments submitted in the prior Response dated January 23, 2004 are incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, in the Office Action the Examiner refers to reference number 159 in response to the Applicant's previous arguments that the "Ghitea Patent displays multiple information in numerical representation." However, the graphical display 159 is only a single graphical representation, not "two sets of information, having an interrelated effect, are displayed as a comparison by graphical representation, wherein the information is displayed at the same place alternating with the same type of graphics, but with different labels," as required by the claims.

Furthermore, the Examiner alleges that there is motivation or suggestion to combine the Ghitea Patent with the Driscoll Patent because they "are in the same field of presenting information on a display unit." As discussed in Applicant's prior response, the Driscoll Patent is directed to industrial process control instrumentation, whereas the invention and the Ghitea Patent are directed to motor vehicle displays. There are different considerations in display design in these different areas. For example, in the motor vehicle display area, the displays are designed with the consideration that the driver needs to keep his eyes on the road. Whereas, in industrial process control instrumentation, such consideration is not taken. Accordingly, there is a lack of motivation or suggestion to combine these references.


In view of the foregoing arguments, allowance of this patent application is respectfully requested.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, please charge any such fee or any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket 080437.49289US).

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